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THIRD AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment follows the final Office Action of October 4, 2005, and the Advisory Actions of December 22, 2005, and January 18, 2006. As the initial period for responding to the final Office Action expired on January 4, 2006, this Amendment is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

A listing of the claims, in which revisions to the claims are set forth, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 5 of this paper.